



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

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## **DPS Officer seizes over 600 pounds of marijuana near Sonoita**

On February 28, 2009, at about 8:40 a.m., an officer with the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) stopped a Ford F350 pick up pulling a fifth wheel trailer for crossing over the center line on multiple occasions. The stop occurred northbound on State Route 83 (about four miles north of Sonoita). The Officer observed indicators of criminal activity and deployed his narcotics detection dog, Mack, to sniff the truck and trailer. Mack alerted to the trailer, where the officer found over 600 pounds of marijuana. The marijuana was seized and the investigation is continuing.

*The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, one of the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agency in United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona's highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona's largest law enforcement agencies with some 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix with offices located in more than 80 communities within Arizona's 15 counties.*

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